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Last Sad Rites Take Place at Canton, Ohio.

DEAD PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL

No Mourning So Impressive as That of His Fellow Townsman - The Memorial Services at Flagstaff - Resolutions of Condolence.

CANTON, Ohio, September 19.—With majestic solemnity, surrounded by his countrymen and his townspeople, in the presence of the president of the United States, the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, senators and representatives in congress, heads of the military and naval establishment, the governors of states, and a great concourse of people who had known and loved him, all that is mortal of the third president to fall by the hand of an assassin was committed to the grave.

It was a spectacle of mournful grandeur. Canton ceased to be a town and swelled to the proportions of a great city. From every city and hamlet in Ohio, from the remote corners of the south, north, east and west, the human tide flowed into the city until 100,000 people were within its gates, here to pay their last tribute to the fallen chief.

The final scenes at the First Methodist church, where the funeral service was held, and at the beautiful West Lawn cemetery, where the body was consigned to a vault, were simple and impressive. The service at the church consisted of a short oration, prayers by ministers of three denominations and singing by a quartet. The body was then taken to West Lawn cemetery and placed in a receiving vault pending the time when it will finally be laid to rest beside the dead children of the president, who were buried years ago.

The services at the church were extremely simple. Beethoven's funeral march was played on the organ as the body bearers with the flag shrouded casket were moving slowly up the aisle.

There was a song by the Canton quartet followed by a simple prayer and the choir sang once more.

The Rev. Dr. Manchester and Rev. Mr. Milligan delivered eloquent addresses.

The choir and congregation rose and sang "Nearer My God to Thee," which was followed by a prayer and then another hymn.

That was all. The benediction was said, the body bearers took up their stations. The soldiers outside in the streets came to attention and prepared to take up the march.

The service at the church ended shortly after 3 o'clock. The march was at once taken up to the cemetery. There another short service was held consisting of prayers and scripture reading by Dr. Manchester and Bishop Joyce of Minneapolis.

The funeral procession was very imposing and included not only representatives of the army and navy of the United States, but the entire military strength of the state of Ohio and hundreds of civic, fraternal and other organizations. It was two miles long.

One of the most pathetic features of the day was the absence of Mrs. McKinley from the funeral services at the church and cemetery when the body of her husband was laid to rest. Since the first shooting, then of the death, and through the ordeal of the state ceremonies, she had borne up bravely. But there was a limit to human endurance, and when to-day came it found her too weak to pass through the trial of the final ceremonies. Through the open door of her room she heard the prayer of the minister as the body was borne out of the house. After that Dr. Rixey remained close by her side, and although the full force of the calamity had come upon her it was believed by those about her that there was a providential mercy in her tears, as they gave some relief to the anguish of the heart within.

AT FLAGSTAFF.

Impressive Services Held in All the Churches.—Business Suspended.

Every business house in Flagstaff was closed during the forenoon on Thursday and a large number were closed during the entire day. The Arizona Lumber & Timber company closed their large mill for the day. Flags were at half-mast and all business houses and many private residences were draped in mourning.

The day was observed as a holiday. A quiet, mournful holiday. The public school and the Normal school were closed and the day was given by the people to a general expression of sorrow.

Union Services at M. E. Church.

Memorial services in honor of our deceased president were held in the Methodist Episcopal church on Thursday the 19th, at 10 o'clock.

The church was packed to its utmost limits, even the vestibule being crowded with people during all the time of the service, and a more appreciative and attentive audience never gathered in our city since it was founded. Both speakers and people seemed to be stirred with a feeling of emotion which manifested itself in eyes that were suffused with tears while the services proceeded.

During the gathering of the people the blind musician, Mr. C. Nevison Roberts, a brother of Mrs. T. A. Coalter of our city, played a most beautiful funeral march upon the organ which seemed to touch the minor chords of the heart, harmonizing perfectly with the sad services which were to follow.

The first number on the programme was a song by the choir, entitled "After the Night is Gone," which was beautifully rendered, after which Rev. Geo. Logie read the scripture lessons found in the 37th Psalms and the second chapter of the First Epistle of Peter. The audience then with bowed heads and bated breath waited before the Throne of Grace while Rev. Logie held audience with the God of All Grace, invoking Divine aid for the widow in her bereavement and pleading for heaven's benediction upon our beloved country for all future time.

The trio, Messrs. Rains, Grim and Amundsen then rendered "Nearer My God to Thee" with a pathos and expressiveness which made it most effective.

The first speaker was Mr. E. S. Clark who represented the profession of the

law. Mr. Clark, in a most interesting address, depicted many of the characteristics of Mr. McKinley as a lawyer, which were new to the audience and marked him as an ideal in that noble profession.

Mr. Clark was followed by Mr. E. S. Gosney, who represented the business interests of the community. Mr. Gosney's address was listened to with profound attention and from beginning to end was replete with beautiful language and excellent thoughts. He referred to the death of our nation's chief as the source of a common sorrow which tends to unite the nation as a brotherhood; that under the pall of this national bereavement we forget our differences in politics and religion, we forget class or caste, while we come together to honor the memory of our noble president whose life was sacrificed just because he was our country's ruler. The speaker expressed the hope that this sad lesson would teach us to be more tolerant in our differences, and that our national government promptly put into execution measures that will rid our nation of social organizations whose object is the destruction of social order and the assassination of national rulers.

After Mr. Gosney's address the choir sang a selection entitled "Rest in Peace," which was followed by an address by Prof. Russell, who represented the educational interests of our city. His address was full of excellent suggestions to parents in regard to home training for their children. He referred to the environments under which Mr. McKinley was brought up; how under circumstances which were much inferior to those which our young people now enjoy he early developed the characteristics which made him successful as an educator, lawyer, statesman, president. He made a statement that should cause every parent to think seriously of their fearful responsibility—viz., that in the home parents can manufacture either anarchists or patriots.

Professor Russell was followed by J. H. Henry, pastor of the church, who preceded his address by reciting a poem entitled "A Nation's Prayer," by Geo. Ray Horton. He spoke of McKinley as having by his manliness of character won the universal respect of all classes of people in our land. He referred touchingly to his chivalric devotion to his invalid wife, for whose interests he was always solicitous, no matter what the duties of state might be or how exacting the demands of office. Mr. Henry in closing turned to the draped figure of the deceased president upon the platform and said: "Brave comrade and martyred chief, we will perpetuate thy memory in loyal hearts until we bivouac together beneath the shade of the 'Tree of Life' which grows by the crystal river."

The choir sang Mr. McKinley's favorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and Rev. Logie pronounced the benediction.

The members of the Grand Army occupied seats on the platform.

The Presbyterian Church.

Memorial services were held in the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. The church interior was draped in mourning. The services were solemnly impressive. The speakers on the occasion were Rev. Geo.

Logie, Hon. E. S. Clark and Prof. A. N. Taylor, principal of the Northern Arizona Normal. Each speaker paid a touching tribute to the memory of President McKinley.

Services at the Catholic Church.

Impressive memorial services were held at the Church of the Nativity in memory of President McKinley at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. The altar was draped in mourning. The services were largely attended the children of the Sister's school attending in a body. Service was conducted by Rev. C. Vabre who offered up prayer asking Divine guidance for the new chief executive.

B. P. O. E. Resolutions.

At a special meeting Tuesday night Flagstaff Lodge, No. 499, B. P. O. E., passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Exalted Ruler of the Universe, in his infinite wisdom, has called to the grand lodge above that great noble Christian and American citizen and fellow brother, William McKinley, president of the United States; therefore be it

Resolved, That the brothers of Flagstaff Lodge, No. 499, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in special session assembled, do express, in common with all true, patriotic and loyal people, our profound sorrow in the irreparable loss which has fallen upon this and all other nations through the death of our president; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter and lodge room be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and that all members wear a badge for the same period.
J. E. RUFFIN, E. R.

L. W. QUINLAN, Secretary.

Pythians' Glowing Tribute.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city, Wednesday night:

Whereas, Providence has decreed that our beloved brother, William McKinley, should be taken from us; therefore be it

Resolved, That Mountain Lodge, No. 15, Knights of Pythias, recognizes in William McKinley, a great statesman, a model soldier and a christian gentleman; one whose thoughtful consideration of the welfare of the people, and whose devotion to the principles of our order, who at all times practiced the virtues of the order of Knights of Pythias, and whose love of country and domestic virtues placed him in the front rank of the great men of our order.

Resolved, That Mountain Lodge, No. 15, Knights of Pythias of Flagstaff, Ariz., does hereby express in the name of the order of Knights of Pythias of this city, its deep sense of the great loss to the order of Knights of Pythias and of the irreparable loss to the nation in the death of our beloved brother and president, William McKinley.

Resolved, That Mountain Lodge, No. 15, Knights of Pythias of Flagstaff, does hereby express its heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. McKinley, whose sorrow is shared by every Knight of Pythias in the civilized world.

Resolved, That our charter be properly draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and a copy of these resolutions be printed in our local papers and spread upon the minutes of this lodge.
W. H. CARROLL, C. C.

ED. I. GALE, K. OF R. AND S.